

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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The Honourable Sonya Savage
Acting Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
Minister of Energy, Deputy House Leader
324 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue, NW
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Savage:

Re: Extraordinary resource deployment to Alberta

As you are aware, protests related to mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations and public health measures have culminated in a blockade at the Coutts land border crossing. Additional protests and blockades are anticipated, which may further impact public safety through the obstruction of highways and impeding the public's freedom of movement. The Alberta RCMP continues to act to preserve the peace and maintain public safety at the Coutts land border crossing and elsewhere across Alberta. This situation does, in my opinion constitute an emergency in the Province of Alberta.

In this urgent and critical situation, I am writing to request extraordinary application of emergency provisions under Article 9.1 of the Provincial and Municipal Police Service Agreements (PPSA and MPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to "maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, or property." As per Article 9.1 of the PPSA, should Members of the Provincial Police Service be redeployed to deal with this emergency within the Province, the Province of Alberta will pay 70% and Canada will pay 30% of the redeployment costs.

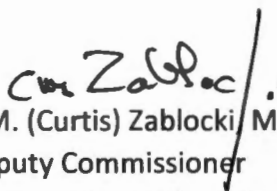
The Alberta RCMP is cognizant of the potential costs of any deployment within the Province of Alberta. We will keep you informed should we need to deploy additional resources. Should there be a requirement to increase the provincial policing establishment from non-contract business lines or from resources outside the Alberta RCMP, sub-article 9.2 would be invoked and all costs associated to the incremental resources would be at 100%.

The RCMP Provincial Police Service will continue to play a central role in safeguarding our communities, including using necessary measures to protect the fundamental freedom of

peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, to promote the safety of all citizens, to enforce laws and to maintain peace and order, in accordance with our mandate.

I appreciate your consideration of this important request.

Yours truly,


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